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## MAKE ESHELMAN MAJOR HIGHWAY

### Entire Community Mourns Untimely Death of Mrs. Hattie Wolfe

#### LOSS VERY KEENLY FELT

Mrs. Wolfe Was Civic Leader and Untiring Worker in Many Causes

#### FUNERAL HELD TUESDAY

Organizations Attended Services in Body—Beautiful Floral Offerings

A community was thrown into mourning last Thursday when word came from the Torrance hospital that Mrs. Hattie Wolfe had died of pneumonia after an illness of five days. She was the wife of A. Brady Wolfe, superintendent of the Columbia Steel Corporation and a city trustee. Mrs. Wolfe was taken ill at her home, 2317 Sierra street.

Perhaps the most popular woman in Torrance, with friends in every walk of life, Mrs. Wolfe made a place for herself in the community during her three and a half years' residence here which her associates have been unable to visualize as ever again being filled. Indefatigable in club and organization work, she was a very frequent of friendly helpfulness to the associations and societies of the city. Her exceeding loveliness, her marked congeniality and her experience made her a natural leader. She was very active in the Eastern Star and the Women's Club, and a tireless worker in the Torrance Relief Association. This year she had been re-elected second vice-president of the Women's Club.

Organization of the Junior Auxiliary also was much to her credit. She was chairman of the organization last year. Mrs. Wolfe was not a member of any church, but was a regular attendant at one or another of the Torrance churches, and was considered by every pastor in the city as a valuable member of his congregation. Born in McGregor, Ia., on January 23, 1861, Mrs. Wolfe was married in 1910 to A. Brady Wolfe. She came to California from Chicago in 1911, and three and a half years ago came to Torrance from Pittsburg, Calif., where Mr. Wolfe had been associated with Columbia Steel.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Wolfe is survived by a step-son, J. A. Wolfe, Torrance; a step-daughter, Mrs. S. L. Corran, Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Jack Ullman of Chicago and Mrs. Syd Gugenheim of Philadelphia; and her father, Samuel Rosenthal, of Chicago. Mr. Rosenthal is seriously ill at his Chicago home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wolfe Tuesday were the most largely attended ever held in the city. Services were conducted by officers of the Eastern Star; and the Eastern Star, Women's Club, Junior Auxiliary, and Torrance Relief Association attended in a body. Richard Jenkins, baritone, sang "Consider the Lilies" and "Crossing the Bay," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung by a quartet consisting of Mrs. W. J. Neelands, Mrs. P. G. Briney, Charles Curtis, and Herbert Wood.

Floral offerings at the funeral were many and unusually beautiful. A blanket of sweet peas and roses was sent by the Columbia Steel Corporation.

#### Many Are Guests Of Rev. Zeller

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Zeller, who left Torrance for San Bernardino last Thursday, had a household of guests Monday.

At dinner covers were laid for Dr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Anderson and family of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Drehschach of the Press-Telegram, Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Briney, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lewis, J. Rosenstein, and Paul Denny.

Other guests during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rambo and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen.

#### Herald Editor Is Congratulated For Honor Bestowed Upon Him And City By 'The Independent'

W. Harold Kingsley, editor and co-publisher of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News, is being warmly congratulated on his appointment to the post of editorial writer on The Independent for the summer. Mr. Kingsley left last Tuesday to assume his new duties. He will substitute on the staff of The Independent for Arthur Pound, nationally known writer, who will spend the summer in Europe.

Secretary Carl L. Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce, in a personal letter to Mr. Kingsley, wrote as follows:

My dear King: As the time draws nigh for you to leave this community to assume editorial duties on The Independent in Boston I feel prompted to express myself in congratulatory terms other than the general verbal contacts I have had with you.

Those at all familiar with journalism must necessarily appreciate the very substantial contact which your call to fill an important post on the staff of this nationally known publication reflects in your favor. It, too, is a community factor, for while not being happy over your severed pulse with your own splendid paper and the resultant disconnection with your spirit and energy in the many important community developments, consolation lies in the knowledge of the fact that you are going to a great field and opportunity, the least part of which is not the recognition of your splendid capabilities to fill this greater capacity.

To be honestly unselfish is to be gratefully happy for you, and I feel this is the best way of saying I congratulate you. If the good people of Torrance all had the opportunity of saying a word to you I am confident my humble words would only be an echo of their sentiments.

Godspeed to you in your journey, and may the last degree of success be yours in your every word and deed. The only happier thought I can have, related to you, will be on your return to our midst.

Sincerely yours, CARL L. HYDE

Dr. George P. Shidler congratulates both Mr. Kingsley and the newspapers for the recognition accorded them and Torrance. Dr. Shidler's letter follows:

Please allow me to congratulate your organization upon the recognition Mr. Kingsley has received from The Independent magazine. In California the extent of this honor will hardly be appreciated excepting by the people from New England and the Middle West. I am certain that someone would have to stretch my sweat-band. One does not receive such honor unless many times deserved.

As a personal friend I give my consent to having Harold taken away from us for a couple of months. But so to it that it does not occur again—because it won't be the same old place while he's gone.

Very sincerely, GEO. P. SHIDLER

#### Ingenious High School Mechanics Build Hybrid Cars From Relics

If you have seen, perhaps, your old driver engine masquerading behind the radiator of a Dodge, and set into the chassis of a Chevrolet or Buick, don't become fearful of a divorced imagination. There are embryo mechanics in the Torrance High School machine shop who perpetrate just that sort of thing. There is nothing imaginative about it. It's a highly practical pursuit, and the ingenuity of the young men, under the direction of L. E. Austin, often gives the school a full-fledged, albeit hybrid, automobile, able to run upon its four wheels and under its own power.

The high school machine shop has become a clearing house for many of Torrance's worn-out or hopelessly wrecked automobiles. Mr. Austin and his proteges collect their "subjects" from various sources, many of them from garage owners who, when they find a mechanical relic on their floors, ask the high school to drag it away.

#### County Acquires Property Title To Widen Street

Twenty Feet To Be Added to Wilmington-Redondo Boulevard

The county will acquire title this month to the property necessary for the widening of Redondo-Wilmington boulevard.

The total cost of the acquisition of a 20-foot strip on each side of the boulevard from the east to west boundary of Lomita is slightly more than \$91,000—more than three and one-third times the actual cost of improvements, which will approximate \$27,000.

Work will not be started on the boulevard in less than four months' time, and will probably be delayed until after the winter rains.

O. E. S. INITIATION

Members of Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., are urged to attend the next regular meeting, June 9, when the officers of Harbor Chapter will put on the initiatory work.

On account of the death of Mrs. Brady Wolfe the Junior Auxiliary dance, to have been held June 7, has been postponed indefinitely.

Mrs. James H. Milburn is attending the state convention of the Parent-Teacher Association in Los Angeles this week.

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#### SUFFERERS TO GET AID

Union Church Service at High School for Flood Victims

MISS BUXTON WILL READ

Talented Artist to Present Henry Van Dyke's 'Lost Word'

Mississippi River flood sufferers will benefit from an offering to be taken at a community service in the High School Auditorium Sunday night. Miss Virginia Jewel Buxton, dramatic elocutionist, will contribute the chief feature of the service—a reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Lost Word."

Assisting in the program will be



VIRGINIA JEWEL BUXTON

Miss Lois Lingenfelter and Mrs. Mary Lingenfelter Thompson, who will be heard in a duet.

Miss Buxton, who recently came to Torrance, is a graduate of the Gunn School of Music and Drama of Chicago, and her ability as a reader and interpreter has attracted attention both in California and in eastern cities. "The Lost Word" is one of the most moving and dramatic presentations at her versatile command.

The story of "The Lost Word" is a spiritual one, laid in Greece fifteen hundred years ago, when pagan magnificence was at its height. It paints a vivid picture of the luxurious pagan life in contrast to the bare existence of the down-trodden Christian martyrs of that period. The theme deals with the life of a wealthy young pagan who embraces the Christian faith, but relinquishes it. The events which develop following his deterioration are brimming with dramatic power and intensity.

Miss Buxton, in her interpretation of "The Lost Word," appears alone on the stage and presents individually each part of the story. The talented young artist was known, a short time ago when she made her home in Kokomo, as one of the few exponents of the natural method of expression in the middle west. She has been well known in Chicago concert programs, and recently played the feminine leads with the Alter Ego Little Theatre Players of Chicago in a mid-western tour. Basically, the idea of the natural expression method used by Miss Buxton is that interpretation must come from within rather than by imitation. She invests each role with a distinct personality, making it human and understandable.

Chicago newspapers, in reviews of Miss Buxton's work, have said of her that she "is possessed with very attractive stage presence and admirable poise." One reviewer remarked that "Each time I see Miss Buxton in a different role I realize what a versatility of talent is hers—what a wealth of natural aptitude for the stage. She has the adaptability to cope with any character."

Almost an hour of continuous

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#### Ed Tansey Drives 1400 Miles to Play With His Team

Ed Tansey, manager of the Torrance baseball team, drove 1400 miles in three days to be with his team when it played the Wrigley nine at Catalina Island Sunday and Monday.

Tansey, who had been angling for a date with the Islanders some time, was in Seattle when word was sent him that his plans had been completed for the games. He left Seattle immediately, arriving in Torrance Friday night, to go with the team to Catalina Saturday morning.

Harry D. Diffin, veteran manager of the Catalina team, who has 60 years of baseball to his credit, personally congratulated the Torrance manager on his display of sportsmanship.

#### Vons, Big Chain System, To Open Torrance Store

New Grocery Establishment to Serve Torrance and Neighboring Cities

Vons, Inc., with more than 70 retail chain grocery stores in California, will establish its first store in the harbor district in Torrance on June 15. It was learned this week when arrangements for leasing premises at 1921 Carson street were made through the Vonderhabe Realty Company of Torrance. Charles Vonderhabe, president and general manager of Vons, Inc., stated that the company would mask the Torrance store its base store for Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, and Redondo.

During the negotiations for the property an odd coincidence occurred, in the meeting of President Charles Vonderhabe of Vons, Inc., and President Charles Vonderhabe of the Vonderhabe Realty Company. They are not related, until the negotiations opened, were not acquainted. Neither had been aware that another person of exactly the same name existed.

Vons, Inc., will occupy space 50 by 90 feet in its new harbor district store. Headquarters of the company are at 6021 South Central avenue, Los Angeles.

#### Bettingen System Hailed as Advance Step in Building

Of import to prospective builders of homes is the establishment at 1335 El Prado of an agency of Bettingen Realty-Cut Homes of Pasadena, a division of the William J. Bettingen Lumber Company.

A. A. Danielson, the company's authorized representative and builder in Torrance, has had many years of experience in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Pasadena. Many of the finest houses in these districts have been built under his supervision.

The Bettingen system is described as a distinct advance step in the building industry, and it has brought marked success in Southern California. The Bettingen construction service covers 53 cities and towns, and Bettingen houses are now being erected over territory stretching from Visalia to San Diego. The concern is erecting houses for employees of the Southern California Edison Company at its substations at El Dorado, Santa Barbara, Saugus, Glendale, Eagle Rock, Colton, and Decatur-14 in all. The Bettingen system has pointed to this as an example of large corporations with unlimited buying power, who do not accept a new idea without the most thorough examination, have found advantages in the Bettingen construction system.

The stock plan idea is avoided by the Bettingen system in planning the houses. Each house is designed individually to fit the lot on which it is to be built, and to incorporate the owner's individual ideas. Many sample designs are on display at the company's Torrance office.

ASK FULL ATTENDANCE

A full attendance is requested at the meeting of the Torrance Relief Association held Friday, June 3, beginning at 11:30 o'clock.

Everything in building materials. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv

#### Observations

Going East—New England, Her People and Her Hills; The President Faces West—England, the Soviet, and the Clash of Basic Economic Theories

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A NUMBER of my friends have told me that many readers of this column regard my departure to Boston for the summer as a permanent signing off here. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

For a young man—and I still consider myself in that class—to leave the Pacific Coast for the east permanently would be foolhardy, to put it mildly.

I believe that the future of the west—particularly of this region between Los Angeles and the harbor—holds the greatest promise for the thrilling forward movement here during the past few years would ever be satisfied to leave it permanently.

I am going east on a temporary assignment—one that will provide me with much which I think is desirable in the way of associations, broadening influences, and new experiences. It was not easy to decide to go. I love it here. I believe that during the past four years I have made a number of lasting friendships here. And I am coming back just as soon as circumstances will allow and as fast as transcontinental trains can carry me.

AT the same time it is gratifying to one who has ever felt the lure of distant places to finger a yard-long ticket. Who is there who does not love the luxury of a cross-continent limited train? Show him to me and I'll show you a disappointed pensioner suffering from rheumatism, the gout, Bright's disease, and neuritis.

NEW ENGLAND in June is something to anticipate. The region that cradled the Republic is peopled with men and women whose strength of character constitutes the moral spine of our country. The bright green hills of early summer are matchless in beauty. A beautiful territory, inhabited by folks who are as rugged as the hills themselves, New England owns a proud tradition. Anyone who does not know New England and appreciate her people does not know the United States.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE will spend his vacation in the hills of South Dakota. His choice of a summer home is wise. His presence in what easterners regard as the west will do much toward changing his viewpoint and widening his knowledge of the country over which he presides. The President has never contacted the west personally for any long period of time. Beyond amidst New England traditions, which makes for provincialism to a certain extent, he does well, personally and politically, to obey Horace Greeley's famous dictate.

EMOTIONALLY people are much the same the world over. Although the French exceeded our expectations in their rousing welcome to Charles Lindbergh, all who know the Gallic characteristics anticipated a great display of emotional enthusiasm if the young flyer crossed the ocean.

But none of us held the thought that the staid inhabitants of "dear old Lunnon" would match the welcome accorded our "new ambassador" by the people of Paris.

The British gave us a surprise. Not only did they shatter all our preconceived notions of their reserve, but they lost their heads completely when the young man from the west brought his plane to a halt at Croydon.

We have an idea that the British were astonished at themselves. This loss of their self-control is not dignified, don't you know? But, my word, what could we do? There he was and there we were and we simply lost our heads. Remarkable exhibition, I call it, what?

THE British have raided the Soviet headquarters in London and banished all undesirable connected with Arcos, Ltd., Russian trade organization in London.

This action was brought about by so many international considerations, affecting affairs from China both east and west, that to the casual observer all motives are not discernible.

Certain patent facts are outstanding, however. Britain did her best to place the blame on the Chinese turmoil at the door of the Soviet. Falling here, she sought to bolster her defense of her own economic concessions in China by inveigling Russia into a display of force in Manchuria. Astutely Russia sidestepped blame and refused to resort to arms.

Just at this period Germany and Russia exhibited themselves at the Geneva economic conferences as nations in close concert. At Geneva the British resolution concerning Russian trade was defeated. United States delegates voted the resolution by completely rewriting it. This brought a lineup of Russia, Germany, and the United States.

PRESIDENT DOUMERGUE and Foreign Minister Briand of France hustled to London.

A week later the Soviet house was raided in London, with all its consequences. The situation is deeply involved, as commerce between a communistic nation and those operating under the capitalist principle must ever be.

Russian trade relations with the rest of the world will never be normal as long as these two great economic ideas clash. Communism is not compatible with capitalism. As races do not mix well, so two positively opposed theories fail to fuse. Resumption of normal commerce between Russia and the capitalist world awaits more thorough toleration of capitalism by the Soviet Union. The United States will never recognize the Soviet until the Soviet accepts our economic and social system as our own business and agrees not to spread communistic propaganda in the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN, tried, and ended the business with a distasteful raid. Similar unhappy denouements will follow every other attempt to bring together the two poles of economic theory. In the face of the clash of basic economic principles, political considerations that ended in the breaking off of relations between England and Russia are insignificant.

#### PLANNING FOR NEW ROAD

C. of C. Favors Connection Eshelman With Western Via El Prado

ROUTE TRAFFIC IN CITY

Trustees Asked to Take Action Under Mattoon Act

Eshelman avenue, widened to 100 feet, with removal of center poles from Cabrillo, and widening of El Prado, would become a through major thoroughfare, connecting with Western avenue, under plans developed and backed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The chamber adopted a resolution favoring the major development of Eshelman, Cabrillo and El Prado at its board of directors' meeting of May 24, and the directors have forwarded a letter to the Torrance Board of Trustees asking that municipal action be taken under the Mattoon act for widening and extension of the road.

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